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Arrivals.

March 7, LEGISLATOR, British str., 1,374, Craig, Calcutta, 19th February, Penang - 25th, and Singapore 28th, General JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co.
March 7, EGALIA, British str., 605, Harrow, Cawnpore, 6th March, General CHINSE.
March 7, THALES, British str., 775, Young, Canton 6th March, General OUPHANT & Co.
March 7, DANDIE, British str., 561, Hopkins, Bangkok 25th Feb., General TACK-NER & Co.
March 7, GLORY, Siamese bark, 449, Jorgen, Bangkok 31st January, Kico TACK-NER.
March 7, NINER, British str., 761, Ramsey, Swatow 5th March, General SIEMSEN & Co.
March 7, MOONZAN, Brit. str., 2,257, W. W. Fenwick, Bombay 19th Feb., Galle 16th, Penang 25th, and Singapore 28th, General P. & S. N. Co.
March 8, YANOTZE, Brit. str., 784, Corner, Canton 8th March, General SIEMSEN & Co.
March 8, J. H. JENSEN, German bark, 400, Karlsruhe, Wampen 6th March, General WM. PUSTAF & Co.

Departures.

March 7, C. L. TAYLOR, for San Francisco
March 7, AMOY, str., for Shanghai.
March 7, NINGPO, str., for Canton.
March 8, BOHARAY, str., for Yokohama.
March 8, TRAVANCORE, str., for Shanghai.
March 8, VIENTIANE, for Manila, &c.
March 8, CHINALE, for Nanchang.
March 8, DANG-WEE, str., for Macao.
March 8, THALES, str., for Shanghai.

Clearances.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
MARCH 7.
China, for Newchwang
Hera, for Bangkok
Evening Star, for Bangkok
Amoy, str., for Shanghai.
Regalia, str., for Shanghai and Tientsin.
Thales, str., for Shanghai.
Douglas, str., for Swatow, &c.

Passengers.

Per Moonzhan, str., from Bombay, &c.—
From Venetia—Messrs. O. Judd, F. Schutz, and Bannister, from Gallo—Mrs. Jenkins, from Penang—Mr. Mc Chiu Tek and 14 Chinese deck. From Singapore—Mrs. W. H. Moore.
For Shanghai.
From Southampton—Messrs. J. C. Budd, T. H. Thomas, and Shorland, Mrs. Powell, Miss Cooper, Frank, Mr. and Mrs. John, from Colombo—Mr. Olaf Wigand, and 2 Messrs. Wigand, from Gallo—Misses and Misses, Sir, rings, child, European and native servants.
For Yokohama.
From Southampton—Messrs. F. A. Cope, Yates, Clayton and F. W. Moore. From Bremen—Misses Westphal and G. Wood.
Per Legislator, str., from Calcutta, &c.—
Per Asia, str., Messrs. Wilkins and Koch, and 160 Chinese.
Per Douglas, str., from Bangkok—
Mr. Easton and 32 Chinese.
Per Ningpo, str., from Swatow—
2 Chinese.
Per Hera, for Bangkok—
20 Chinese.
Per Amoy, str., for Shanghai—
130 Chinese.
Per Thales, str., for Shanghai—
300 Chinese.

Reports.

The British steamship *Danube* reports left Bangkok on 25th February, had fine sea and light monsoon.

The British steamship *Nipso* reports left Swatow on 8th March, had fine weather throughout the passage. Passed the British steamer *Amoy* outside the Ly-ee-moo.

The British steamship *Ledger* reports left Calcutta on 19th February, Penang on the 26th, and Singapore on the 28th; had fine weather throughout. Passed H.M.S. Iron Duke on the 1st March, bound North.

The P. & O. steamship *Monarch* reports left Bombay 10th February, Calcutta 15th, Penang on the 25th, and Singapore on 28th, at 8 a.m., and arrived in Hongkong at 5 p.m., on the 7th March; had moderate and light monsoon throughout.

Vessels that have arrived in Europe from Ports in China, Japan and Manilla.
(Per last Mail's Advice.)

Vessel. From. Date of Arrival.
Worms Jan. 15.
Arabs Jan. 16.
Amigos Jan. 16.
Jaut Hol Jan. 17.
Araus Jan. 17.
Oriang Jan. 17.
Orfordshire (s) Jan. 22.
Orfordshire (s) Jan. 23.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(Corrected Date.)

Vessel's Name. From. Date.
Met. Hobart Jan. 15.
Medina Jan. 20.
Leviathan Oct. 24.
Chancery Queen, Garfield ... Oct. 25.
Palma Nov. 2.
Fiddler Nov. 5.
Derwent Nov. 18.
Antipodes Nov. 19.
Johnstone Dec. 3.
Kate Dec. 3.
Swiftsure Dec. 15.
London Dec. 26.
Cuckoo Dec. 30.
Batavia Dec. 30.
Yorkshire (s) Jan. 6.
Hector Jan. 10.
Cavendish (s) Jan. 14.
Decimus Jan. 15.
Zambesi (s) Jan. 20.
Kent (s) Jan. 23.

Auction Sales To-day.

None.

FOR SALE.

THE Commodious Three-story HOUSES, Nos. 139, and 140, Poole Street, and No. 222, Gloucester, with GUDWINS attached. Paid, and Can be sold for a Piece or Parcel of GROUND in Queen's Road East; half of Island Lot No. 763, at present in the possession of G. R. LAMBERT, Esq. For further particulars, apply to D. O. TATA.
No. 1, Hollywood Road, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1874. [Dim 531]

Banks.

THE ANGLO-CALIFORNIAN BANK (LIMITED), 412, O'Farrell St., San Francisco, CALIFORNIA.
London Office—3, St. James's Court, New York Agents, J. & W. SELIGMAN & Co., 21, Broad Street.
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RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1863.

NOTICE.

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THE CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY
FOR 1874.

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THIS Work, now in the TWELFTH year of its existence, is ready for delivery.

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DEATH.

On the 8th March, at the residence of Rose & Co., Wellington Street, Hongkong, SWANNA, eldest daughter of William and Mary Ann Dunn, of Brighton, Sussex, deeply regretted.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 9TH, 1874.

We have always been impressed with the force of a remark once made by Major-General WHITEFIELD when he was in the position of Acting Governor of the Colony after Sir Richard MACDONALD's departure, on his last leave of absence. He said he did not know that he had to come to the Council to talk about lumps. There was a certain freshness and bold bonhomie about the remark, which in itself was attractive, but unwittingly the Lieutenant-Governor set forth in striking a light as possible what is undoubtedly the chief defect of our system of Government in Hongkong. Legislative Councils are not as a rule meant to talk about lumps, or in fact any kindred subjects. Such matters are left to councils of a less imposing, though often not of a less useful character. Matters of local administration, and especially those affecting property, are ordinarily considered the province of a town or Municipal Council, and it is perhaps not very much less incongruous that the Governor should come down to the Council to speak about water works than to speak about lumps.

Nobody who read or heard the discussion which took place in the Legislative Council on Thursday could fail to be struck by the marked incongruity of the whole proceedings. In an ordinary way the duty of the Government—so far as it feels itself called upon to interfere in such matters at all—is to check any unreasonable tendency on the part of the public to launch out into too extensive local enterprises, but in this instance the rule was completely reversed. The Governor and the official members strongly advocated an extensive local scheme which the non-official members to whom said end were entirely beyond the means of the Colony, and which they also considered in excess of its wants. The Governor and COLONIAL SECRETARY, however, both pressed upon them the necessity for taking steps in the matter, although it was tolerably clear from the tone manifested that, if left alone, they would not for a moment entertain any scheme of so expensive a character as that proposed. It could scarcely fail to occur to any one that it would be very much more desirable that the public should be allowed to manage its own affairs, and might be expected to discover, if it were really in want of any such large addition to its water supply as was suggested.

If Hongkong had the good fortune to have some form of Municipal Government, we scarcely imagine that quite so high a tone could be adopted by the Engineer to the Council as that which is taken up by the Surveyor-General in his report. The business of the officer in that position is clearly to carry out the wishes of the public so far as can be done, and the first thing to ascertain is the amount of money which they are able to devote to a given enterprise. It is quite out of the usual course for the subject to be taken up upon general considerations which should be the province of the public; and it becomes an almost comical reversal of the ordinary order of things that the question of the expediency of having new water works should be urged by the Surveyor-General backed by the Government officials, in place of being left to the non-official members mainly, as more immediately representing the general public in the matter. We do not mean to imply, by these remarks, that the Government has in any very serious way exceeded the bounds of the powers which under the existing system are vested in it, or that His EXCELLENCE and the SURVEYOR-GENERAL were not actuated by the best intentions to benefit the Colony, according to their own views of the subject. Our objection is to the system itself, which in a great measure places in the hands of the officials the conduct of matters, which in all other places are left to the public at large to settle according to their own ideas. Indeed, with regard to the present scheme, it would scarcely go being too far to say that under existing circumstances the water supply might fairly be left to private enterprise. The question at present is not so far as we can gather, one of absolute necessity in a sanitary or other general point of view, as one of increased convenience. There is not so large a supply of water as might be wished, but there is enough to get on with fairly—and if additional supplies are wanted, the matter might be left, as is done in many places at home to private enterprise. It is not exactly the business of the Government to fill people's wash basins; and if there is really a demand for more water to any passing extent, a Company might, and in all probability would, be formed which could supply the want, making those pay for the water, who had it laid on, just as is the case with gas. Matters of this kind are always better conducted by private enterprise than by Government, and it is contrary to English principle, to call in Government aid where the public can manage for itself. It would be well worth while, therefore, to consider whether the matter might not be met in this way, before plunging the community into a heavy liability. Taxes at present are at 12 per cent. on the rental, which is by no means a small amount in these anything but flourishing times, and if public opinion were fairly canvassed, there can be little doubt that the community would be by a large majority in favour of making the best of things as they are rather than obtaining a doubtful advantage at the heavy cost which is indicated even by the modified scheme of the Surveyor-General.

We requested to state that the date of Madame Adelina Goddard's concert has been altered to the (Monday) evening, instead of to-morrow evening. We have much regret in calling attention to the very excellent programme which appears in our advertisements of what will be given, which will be given at St. George's Hall under the direction of Mr. E. the Governor and Lady Kennedy. It comprises the Grand Sonata (Op. 23), commonly called the Funeral March; Sonata by Beethoven. This grand work, rendered by a true exponent of the great master's works as Madame Goddard, will be the greatest classical feature this evening. The great artist is also down to give a solo for a pretty little girl, known as "Gilda" de la Scala, and Grand Fantasia "Bonnie Scotland," which will delight the ears of all Scotland especially. Mrs. Smythe, who, we hear, has a Soprano voice of a high order, and who gained great favor in India, will sing four very effective Songs and Ballads. Mr. J. Ibup will perform two Solos on the violin. Altogether this concert will be a rich treat, and we fear that the room will not be large enough for those desirous of being present.

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FRENCH IMMORALITY AND ENGLISH PROPERTY.

To the Editor of the "Pall Mall Gazette."—Sir.—Allow me to address you a few words on a question to which attention in England is currently called, owing no doubt to the intimate links on all subjects that unite this country to ours. It seems to be a fact beyond question that the morality in the enjoyment of all that is French is more refined and manners more polished than on the other hand. Englishmen hold a claim to the monopoly of public and private virtue, of decency of sentiments and expression, and, in social life, of such primal candour as no perverted foreigner could even suspect, at least I am grieved to understand by Englishmen themselves, who are never tired of extolling their own domestic merit. Of course, there falls the responsibility of lawlessness, where indeed, more than in Paris, law sounds more frequent—and shocking. Frenchmen, as is well known, transgress the most sacred of institutions to the point of turning a dutiful husband and a virtuous spouse into rare goss. Friends, novelists, are considered here as the very class of abominations, and the author of "Le Rêve," who had an interview under cover with Captain Bowden, and the crew, scares him. At this time, however, the burglar Elizabeth Graham bore in sight, and before carrying their resolution into effect, the crew had to be sent to the captain of that burglar on board, who had been taken from his ship. When the officer rushed on deck for assistance, and while the crew were deliberating how to secure him, he set fire to the cabin of the ship, having fired at the second officer and stabbed two others of the crew. The fire increased, and the port life boat was lowered, the crew fearing that the ship would immediately blow up, leaving the captain in the flames. The crew then took to the boat, and the master of the ship, Mr. William Chamberlain, who will always interfere with the works of Balzac and Stendhal; that Heaven, the humiliation is spared her by those of her literary competitors who extract from such proscribed works whatever in an English point of view is readable in them, and offer the matter as being due to their own inventiveness. As to the drama, let good Englishmen cover their faces in disgrace. Nothing can possibly be more execrable than the scenes depicted on the stage by French dramatists; they talk things by their names, and commit a host of other offences of similar gravity. True that there is no lack of ingenious interpretation, or of the same class as allude to heretofore, to present these impious plays as English fare from the incongruities of the text, and even then there is "prizes à la mort" to the play, and the like. Sir, I do intend openly to question this question, and to expose the French stage, without, having read Shakespeare, Fielding, Smollett, and others; my impression as to the capabilities of the English tongue is somewhat different; but I have heard English more, so much vaunted and, particularly here—Parisians who have never moved from their native uplands are so candidly paraded of their own wickedness and of your goodness—that it is difficult to believe that there is not a fact, the result of personal observation. First of all, I would inquire, with due deference, how it is that Englishmen and Englishwomen, and even English youths, go and see in London pieces like "Le Rêve," and "Tricouche" at the French Plays, which they would not dare to do in an English theatre; and also why these pieces are allowed to be produced in English theatres?—A. FRENCHMAN.

"Of course, to the second question it may be answered that it is because of the 'cleanliness' of the English tongue; but then I should like to ask, if this cleanliness extends to the hearing of the English assistants, how it is that the latter can afford to listen to impurities expressed in a foreign language?—A. FRENCHMAN.

"Now, Sir, I continue to dwell on the same subject, but will request your leave to point to a category of your English theatrical entertainments. We in France have café-concerts to suppose correspond to English music-halls, and cheap concerts chamecanes of dubious taste, but not the places calculated to give a high idea of the standard of the French stage; but who would venture to deny that their tone is comparable to that of corresponding English places of amusement?—Olivier, Sir, that music halls are principally held both here and in France by the most numerous class of the population, and that nothing could be more significant than the fact of certain parts of the city of London being filled with such places which adorn all parts of the metropolis, and it has afforded me some relief (except my chauvinism) to learn by personal experience that the French are not so irreclaimable as one would think. It was my lot to witness almost every exhibition of the English stage, which I venture to say would be missed off the cards of any respectable theatre, and almost everywhere the performances were seasoned with songs and dialogues of the same level. Now, I do not wish to pose myself as a censor, but I venture to say that the difference between the standard morality of England and France is not vastly great. English morality would make it out, and that perhaps a little more leniently would be befitting in the face of undeniably facts. Was it not the fear to bring down upon me the indignant wrath of some reader, I would allude to the tone of ordinary theatres; which, in many instances, borders on vulgarity that is unknown to French stages of the same class. I have purposely selected the stage because it is the most attractive department in point of view of the English public; might be addressed to other forms of art, but for me, written like M. Adolphe Lebel and Ernest Feydeau, are worse, and they stand more in the light of eccentricities of French literature than as dramatic scandals as are chronicled in Paris. There is no Dirige Court in France, and consequently scandals are exposed more ostensibly than in England; that is all. With regard to French novels, I admit that authors of literature the extreme limits of expression, but in all of their own free will take license; but for me, written like M. Adolphe Lebel and Ernest Feydeau, are worse, and they stand more in the light of eccentricities of French literature than as dramatic scandals as are chronicled in Paris. Chinese Insurance Company—\$200 per share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$200 per share. China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$120 per share. Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$120 per share. Hongkong and Whampoa Bank Company's Shares—\$33 per cent discount. Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamship Co.'s Shares—\$17 per cent premium. Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—\$12 per share. Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$70 per share. Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$50 per cent discount. Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—\$95 per cent discount.

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